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- 1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH DFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS VERCELES JULY 16, HE TOLD EMBOFFS GOP WOULD NOT BE SEEKING SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT THIS YEAR AND HAD DECIDED TRY FOR SEAT IN ECOSOC. HE SAID MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH INDIANS WHO ARE SEEKING SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. GOP HAS INDIAN AS WELL AS ASIAN SUPPORT FOR ECOSOC CANDIDACY.
- 2. VERCELES SAID DFA HAD WITHDRAWN SOLICITOR GENERAL MENDOZA'S CANDIDACY FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION AND WAS PREPOSING HIM FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF UN SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL). POLCOUNS TOOK THIS OCCASION TO ASK SUPPORT FOR DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISOR SCHWEBEL'S CANDIDACY FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION (DEPT A-2900 AND MANILA A-153). VERCELES SAID JOKINGLY HE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE GOP SUPPORT IF USG SUPPORTS PHILIPPINE ECOSOC

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